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The spring fires of protest have been ignited on college campuses across the nation triggered in large part by the resumption of American bombing in North Vietnam.

The National Student Association reacted to the renewed bombing by holding an emergency meeting at their Washington, D.C. headquarters on April 15. As a result of this meeting, a nationwide campus strike that was not highly successful was staged on 21 April to protest the escalation of the war. In addition, NSA planned and scheduled a nationwide moratorium action for the first of May.

Activists across the United States were urged by radical leaders to use their collective skills to organize and energize sustained intensive antiwar actions during the ensuing spring and summer months.

It appears that rekindled interest in antiwar demonstrations of possible increased intensity will plague American college campuses for the next 60 days. In the past week in fact several active campuses have experienced civil disobedience which erupted into violence and resulted in numerous arrests, property damage, and personal injuries.

With the prospect of the Republican and Democratic Conventions looming in the not too distant future, American revolutionaries it seems will not pass up an opportunity to use the collective college protests as an additional lever to redress their grievances and gain stated goals. A new generation of campus radicals, quiet for the past year now appears eager to be heard.

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CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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*19 April--4 May, Washington; D.C.

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War are sponsoring activities during the period 19 April through May 4 in Washington, D.C. which will include the lobbying of Congressmen and a demonstration at the South Vietnamese Embassy. These demonstrations will be known as Operation Rolling Thunder Three.

VVAW groups from New York, New Jersey, Pa., Ohio, and the New England States have been invited to participate. Reports have been circulated in Philadelphia to the effect that VVAW has discussed plans to take over the Washington Monument. No firm decision regarding this action has yet been publicized.

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*27 April, Norfolk, Va.

Reportedly, several antiwar groups have formed a coalition announcing plans to demonstrate and possibly disrupt the azalea festival to be held at Norfolk April 25-30. Demonstrators plan to attempt to block all entrances and exits of the Norfolk Regional Airport upon the arrival of Secretary of Housing and Urban Development George Romney who is scheduled to speak at a luncheon April 27.

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*28 April, Maine

The Maine chapter of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War has announced plans to sponsor a demonstration throughout the state when Vice President Agnew visits Augusta on the above date.

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*29 April, International

Students for a Democratic Society and the Workers Action Movement (both groups are controlled by the Maoist Progressive Labor Party) announced plans to sponsor jointly a mass demonstration in Washington, D.C. on 29 April to celebrate "May Day" as an international working class holiday.

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Participants will assemble in Washington at a playground near Hamilton Junior High School at 12 noon. A mass march is then scheduled to the U.S. Capitol where a series of speeches will be given.

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The sponsors estimate 3,000 will attend. The last time the Progressive Labor Party sponsored a demonstration in Washington, D.C. the assemblage was considerably larger than predicted. Reportedly, the Progressive Labor Party itself will also hold a demonstration in Washington, D.C. on 29 April to celebrate May Day.

SDS which has been exploiting the racial issue with some success in recent months has also announced plans for demonstrations to be held at Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Toronto, Seattle, Vancouver and Houston on April 29th. These activities are planned to show opposition to the war in Vietnam and racism. The SDS will also continue its usual tactic by issuing a call for unity among workers and students here and around the world.

The key note of these demonstrations will be a call for international solidarity.

29-30 April, Washington, D.C.

The National Spanish-speaking Coalition Task Force, Inc. has announced plans for a national convention on the above dates. Reportedly, the prime issue at the convention will be the formation of a separate Spanish-speaking political party.

1-2 May, Nationwide

The Youth International Party, a militant "hippie" group, claims that the organization will conduct a marijuana smoke-in at each state capitol on the above dates to protest the anti-marijuana law. In addition, marches to local area prisons are scheduled.

*1-6 May, Worldwide

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War has announced plans to support antiwar demonstrations scheduled to be held at NATO headquarters and USAF bases around the world on the above dates. Reportedly, American firms supporting the war will also be involved. Recently a seven-man delegation was elected to visit Hanoi during the month of May. This delegation will consist of George Smith, a former prisoner of war; Marty Gordon of Arkansas; Scott Camil of Florida; John Musgrave, believed to be from Kansas City; William Marshall from Michigan; David Ross from New York and Barry Romo from California.

*1-6 May, Nationwide

The Women's National Action Coalition (another organization

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reportedly controlled by the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party) has announced plans to stage an "Abortion Action Week" on the above dates. The local demonstrations would include hearings on abortions, high school programs on contraception, picketing against anti-abortion groups and protests against forced sterilization of welfare women. These demonstrations are to culminate in regional protest actions May 6.

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*4 May, Nationwide

The Emergency Nationwide Moratorium, a coalition of antiwar leaders and groups, backed by more than 20 Senators and Congressmen, announced plans for a nationwide moratorium on the above date.

Coalition leaders called on war foes to gather during the noon hour to conduct rallies, silent vigils, prayer meetings and other "peaceful and legal expressions" of antiwar sentiment. Local Internal Revenue Service offices, military recruitment and induction centers, congressional home offices, and major war contractor facilities were suggested as possible target areas.

The moratorium groups released a list of some 60 sponsors including lawmakers, civil rights and church leaders, intellectuals, and other prominent antiwar figures.

Among names on the sponsorship list were the Rev. Daniel Berrigan and Sister Elizabeth McAlister of "Harrisburg Seven" fame; the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Dr. Benjamin Spock, the noted pediatrician and peace activist; George Wiley, militant black executive director of the National Welfare Rights Organization; and antiwar activists Jane Fonda and Dick Gregory.

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*5-8 May, Chicago

The Young Workers Liberation League (youth group of the CPUSA) has scheduled a national convention on the above dates. As previously reported, the original date of April 28-May 1 has been postponed because the national chairman of the YWLL, Jarvis Tyner reportedly will be visiting in Hanoi at that time.

Reportedly, the theme of the convention will be how to build a mass united front. The priorities of the united front movement will be to free Angela Davis, end the war, and defeat President Nixon's

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10 May, Syracuse and New York City, N. Y. -- Antiwar demonstrations are to be held at the annual stockholders meetings of the General Electric Corporation in Syracuse and the International Telephone and Telegraph Co., N. Y. C.

20 May, Nationwide--In conjunction with "Armed Forces Day," antiwar demonstrations are to be held throughout the country at various unnamed military bases.

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*13 May, Washington, D. C.

The National Peace Action Coalition (Trotskyite group) has scheduled an antiwar demonstration for the Capitol on the above date.

The purpose of the action is to protest the escalation of the war. Participants are supposed to assemble on the Ellipse from 9 a. m. until 12 noon. Starting at noon, demonstrators will march from the Ellipse to the Capitol where a rally will be held until 6 p. m.

NPAC estimates a maximum of 15,000 antiwar protesters will participate.

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*13 May, Washington, D. C.

Chinese Communist "United Front" elements in the United States are reportedly planning a demonstration on 13 May in front of the Japanese Embassy to protest Japan's "Intrusion" into the Tiao Yu T'ai Islands (i. e. reversion of the Tiao Yu T'ai/Senkaku Islands to Japan as part of the Okinawa Reversion). The size of this demonstration is unknown at this time. *(719 C. h. l. e.)*

*13 May, Washington, D. C.

The Philadelphia Chapter of the Ukrainian Congress Committee has announced a national demonstration to be held at the White House on the above date. The purpose of the demonstration is to protest President Nixon's visit to the Soviet Union. Following the White House demonstration, the group plans to march to the Soviet Embassy. Leaders of this committee also have scheduled a demonstration in Philadelphia on May 6 to protest President Nixon's visit to U. S. S. R.

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*15 May, New York City

Leslie Bacon, one-time Yippie, Mayday tribeswoman and anti-war activist, has been indicted on perjury charges for allegedly lying when she denied being in the Capitol hours before it was bombed on March 1, 1971. The trial of Miss Bacon who is charged with conspiring to firebomb a Manhattan bank is scheduled to begin on the above date.

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*15 May

A new organization known as the Peace Hostage Committee consisting of approximately 15 persons including Robert Harris the mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan has been formed.

The group plans to travel to North Vietnam on May 15 to offer itself as a peace hostage to the North Vietnamese in the hope that this gesture will force the President to call a halt to the bombing. The remainder of the group reportedly includes professors from Stanford, Ohio State, and the University of Chicago.

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*20 May, Washington, D.C. and Miami, Florida

Eduardo Suarez Rivas, a leader of the Cuban Revolutionary Party, (a group of anti-Castro Cubans) has announced a "Battalla de Washington" (Battle of Washington) Day for Washington and Miami on the above date.

The demonstrations will coincide with Cuban Independence Day and are being held to protest the present United States Government policies toward Cuba.

A number of Cuban exile groups in the Miami area have pledged their support with groups in Chicago, Boston, New Jersey and New York expected to follow suit.

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*20 May, San Francisco

The New American Movement is a new left electoral political group organized by Charles C. Marshall III, a defendant in the Seattle trial for conspiracy to damage government property, and Seattle radical Mike Lerner who was formerly associated with the May Day Collectives in Washington, D.C. A formulating convention was held by approximately 400 left-wing radicals at Davenport, Iowa last Thanksgiving Day weekend. The convention established a 13-member national interim committee limited to an advisory role until June when the organization expects to hold its formal founding convention. NAM claims to have chapters presently forming in 25 American cities. The orientation at Davenport was aimed at economic problems and control of local institutions. NAM is reportedly soliciting the support of working people, housewives, the elderly and street people.

Recently NAM announced plans for a march and rally to be held in San Francisco on the above date. The purpose of this action appears to be an attempt to attract individuals to join the new movement.

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*20 May, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Carl McIntire, the national chairman of the March for Victory Committee, a group which opposes U.S. diplomatic relations with the Chinese Communists, has announced plans for a march for victory in Washington on the above date. Demonstrators will support the South Vietnamese government and demand victory in Vietnam.

*27 May, Washington, D.C.

The African Liberation Day Steering Committee has announced a mass "African Liberation Day" demonstration for the Washington, D.C. area on 27 May '72. In addition simultaneous "African Liberation Day" demonstrations are planned for San Francisco, in the Caribbean, and Toronto, Canada.

The demonstrations are designed to show support for the small black guerrilla liberation armies of South Africa, Namibia (southwest Africa) and Rhodesia, as well as the Portuguese colonies of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau.

"African Liberation Day" activities in Washington reportedly will include demonstrations in front of the Portuguese and South African Embassies, the Rhodesian Information Office and a mass demonstration at Meridian Hill Park, 16th and Euclid Streets, N.W.

Among those scheduled to appear at the Washington affair are Imamu Baraka (LeRoi Jones), the radical black militant poet and one of the planners of the recent Black Political Convention at Gary, Indiana; members of the Black Congressional Caucus; Huey P. Newton and Ericka Huggins the Black Panther Party; the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and members of some of the African liberation armies.

A number of persons, including Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown, have endorsed the proposed demonstrations. Marion Barry, director of Pride Inc. and president of the D.C. School Board, is the chairman of the local coordinating committee and will handle all arrangements for the D.C. demonstrations. The ALDSC has estimated 10,000 people will attend the "African Liberation Day" demonstrations.

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